the newspapers.

the statement

Comptroller of the Treasury R. J. Trace-

well said this morning that there was no

to allow them to regulate their own ex-

was not of the kind who could be gag-

Comptroller Tracewell recalled the case

nvestigate such absences of the employ

es of the Postoffice as were ascribed t

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

Under Arrest. LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., May 26.

bilip Render, a hospital orderly, was ar-

rested in Whitstone late last night by De-

ective Butler, of District Attorney Mer-

rill's staff, charged with bigamy. He was

found living with his bride of a few days.

Render is said to have married Mrs. An

Pierson, a nurse, on June 25, 1895. Subse

With the aid of a lawyer, he managed t

thirty-seven years old, of Flushing

the was living only two blocks away.

ail to await examination

was found in a creek.

girl, is held as a witness.

unting to \$465,257,14.

Company.

Kifer.

Pierson discovered that her husband had

married again and made the complaint on which the warrant was issued. Render was arraigned before Magistrate Connortor

his morning and committed to the county

UNDER ARREST FOR MURDER.

Prominent Indiana Farmer Charged

With Killing a Girl.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 26 .- Joseph D

Kieth, a prominent farmer of Warrick

Keith's son, Jesse, aged thirteen years, is

also held on suspicion of being implicated. William Clark, who was engaged to the

Kieth on a bridge over the creek and was not afterwards seen alive.

Government Receipts Today

The receipts of the Government today

reached the sum of \$1,505,257.14, consisting

of customs, \$434,742.87; internal revenue

\$1,006,679.33; miscellaneous, \$63,834.94. The expenditures amounted to \$1,040,000, leav-ing an excess of receipts over expenditures

10 A. M., 11 A. M., 2 F. M., AND 4 P. M

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Account Confederate

cunty, is under arrest for murdering Nora

The girl's horribly mutilated body

The girl met

envicted of horse stealing

Long Island City Hospital Orderly

# BRITISH CROSS THE VAAL

#### Advance Guard Enters the Transvaal on the Queen's Birthday.

General Roberts Reports That Hamilton's Column Is at Boschbank and the Scouting Force at Viljoen's Drift-The Mines Found to Be Uninjured and in Operation-A Despatch From Pretoria Asserts That the Federal Forces Have Reoccu pied Hellbron-Steyn on His Way to Join the Boers at Laing's Nek

in London today over the annou that the advance guard of the British Army has crossed the Vaal, and the inference that it has started on the real advance to

Pretoria.

There is nothing in General Roberts' despatch to indicate that his men met with the slightest opposition from the Boers in crossing the river. Roberts announces that the advance portion of his force trossed the Vaal on the Queen's birthday, near Parys, and, unless there has been some unexpected obstacle, it is believed in some unexpected obstacle, it is believed in London that news will soon be received showing that the main body is pushing forward toward the Transvaal capital.

The only disturbing despatch is one from Pretoria, which says that Commandant Christian De Wet reports from Frankfort that the Federal forces have re-occupied Heilbron, in the Orange Free State. This information comes from an official bulletin issued in Pretoria on Thursday afternoon. If it is true that there is a sizable force of the Boers at Heilbron they may eventually manage to harass the British rear. The same official bulletin at Pretoria announces that the British have occupied Vredefort, and were advancing on Schoeman's Drift. The accuracy of this report eads experts here to give credence to the latter portion of the bulletin, declaring that the Boers have re-occupied Hellbron.

According to the official advices, Hamilton's column is at Boschbank, and the scouting party of General Roberts is moving in the vicinity of Viljoen's Drift. The local mines have not yet been disturbed by the burghers, and operations are pro ceeding as usual.

General Roberts' despatch follows:

"Woevenhoek, May 26—(9:10 a. m.). The advance portion of this force ossed the Vaal River on the Queen's birthday, near Parys. "Hamilton's column is at Boschbank.

Our scouts are now at Viljoen's Drift.
The local mines have not been injured and work is going on as usual.
"There is no enemy on this side of the river. Hunter reached Vryburg on May 24."

A report from Harrismith indicates tha the Boers who have retreated in front of Buller may be about to offer an engagement. President Stevn, of the Free State said to be at Vrede and it is reported that he is on his way to Laing's Nek, probably on a mission of encouragement. The Harrismith despatch adds that the Vrede burghers are returning to their

According to a despatch received here today, there is a probability of some sharp fighting in the vicinity of Mafeking. It is said that the Boers are massing ten miles to the east of that place and are preparing to meet the further advance of the Brit-

# BOER ENGINEER DISMISSED.

#### Given as the Cause. CAPE TOWN, May 26 .- A despatch to the

"Cape Argus" from Lourenco Marques, says that State Mining Engineer Klimke, who, a few days ago, said that he was opposed to the destruction of the Johan mines, has been dismissed by the author The Transvaal Government, the despatch

says, is now issuing paper money.

# BEGBIE WORKS EXPLOSION.

#### All Persons Accused of Complicity Have Been Acquitted. LONDON, May 26 .- A despatch from

Pretoria under Thursday's date says that all the persons accused of complicity in the blowing up of Begbie's engineering works at Johannesburg have been acquit An application was afterward made that

they be rearrested and sent across the border. This was also rejected. A despatch from New Castle, Natal, says that Mr. Koch, an Orange Free magistrate, surrendered on Friday.

# JULIAN RALPH IN LONDON.

#### The War Corespondent Likely to Lose a Limb.

LONDON, May 26 .- Julian Ralph, the well-known newspaper corespondent arrived in London today invalided through injuries received in South Africa. He will probably lose one of his legs.

A London despatch on February 3, said A London despatch of February 8, Sand that Mr. Knight, a correspondent of the "Morning Post," who had arrived there, reported that Mr. Ralph had been wounded in the abdomen at Belmont by a spent shell. Another despatch received from London this week said that twenty-one war correspondents have been killed or have died of disease during the war. The "Daily Mail," this despatch said, had been particularly unfortunate as the office. particularly unfortunate as ten of its cor respondents had been put out of service by death or illi

Roberts' Nephew Accidentally Shot CAPE TOWN, May 26 .- Lieutenant Roberts, a nephew of General Roberts, was accidentally shot in the right knee by his servant at the Modder River camp Wed-

## Decoration Day at Chautauqua You can enjoy a pleasant outing at this dightful salt water resort on Chesapeake Bar

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# CHURCHMEN IN DISORDER.

#### proar in the Methodist Conferen at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 23 .- The most remarka Methodist General Conference occurred at this morning's session. It arose over the amusement question, and the wheat pit in a panic was as nothing compared to it. Governor Pattison had brought up his majority report, removing the ban from danc-

lority report, removing the ban from dancing, cards, and theatres.

In the debate following, F. A. Arter, of the East Ohio Conference, a layman, undertook to reduce the question to absurdity by introducing a resolution removing from the amusement ban a list of 150 or 200 alleged sports. The list included dog-fights, builfights, bear baiting, prize fighting, golf vachting bowling fare tennis. ing, golf, yachting, bowling, faro, tenni-

Burghers Massing Near Mafeking.

LONDON, May 26.—General Roberts has made his whereabouts known to the War office, and there is plenty of enthusiasm in London today over the announcement of the course of an hour after the opening of the Conference. He read the list in a loud tone and rapily, but had not gone far when pandemonium broke loose. Fifty men were on their feet shouting at once, declaring the matter was disrespectful, irreverent, out of order,

In the midst of the trouble, Bishop Mc-Cabe came down in the floor of the house and attempted to persuade Arter to with-

that he was only on the floor to speak to a brother on business. Arter finally withdrew the resolution, saying its purpose was

tled on a motion to adopt the minority re-port, recommending no changes in the law regarding amusements. The roll call for ayes and noes finished the session. A motion to make no changes was ordered by a majority of nearly twenty-five votes.

# VANDERBILT'S NEW ISLAND.

#### Canal Completed Around Idle Hou Farm at Oakdale.

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Idle Hour Farm, he property of William K. Vanderbilt, at Oakland, L. I., is now an island, the canal around it having been completed yester-day. The canal is three miles long and fifty feet wide. Building material can now be brought in by water and unloaded on the ground.

#### THE PANAMA CANAL.

## Orders Sent From Paris to Resum

Work at Colon. COLON, Colombia, May 26.-The Panam. Canal Company has received orders from Paris to resume work on a large scale. A great many mechanics and laborers are be ing engaged.

The United States gunboat Machias has been ordered to prolong her stay at Colon and that vicinity.

Affairs at Colon and Panama are quiet. URGED KRUGER TO SURRENDER.

#### Boer Delegation Waits Upon the President at Pretoria.

CAPE TOWN, May 26.—The Boers of the Transvaal are becoming more anxious for the restoration of peace. An influential delegation of burgher

called on President Kruger, at Pretoria and urged him to surrender. The President replied that that matter was now in the hands of the military commandants.

# MEN TO GUARD BRIDGE.

#### Roers Fear Loss of Communication With Delagon Bay.

LONDON, May 26 .- A despatch to the 'Daily Mail" from Lourenco Marques says t is reported that the Boers are alarme or fear that the British will reach Koomati Poort and blow up the bridge there, thus the Transvaal and Delagoa Bay. They have sent a commando of 500 men to that point.

# RUSSIA'S GIFT TO CRONJE.

A Large Silver Punch Bowl Costing 7,000 Roubles.

MOSCOW, May 26 .- The subscription or a gift for General Cronje, the Boer commander, who is now a prisoner at St. Helena, amount to 7,000 roubles. This mount was subscribed by 29,000 persons. A silver punchbowl a yard high will be presented to General Cronje after the war. n the mean time the gift will be displayed

# FORMER CONVICTS ARRIVE.

#### Mullet and Fitzharris Among the Lu cania's Steerage Passengers. NEW YORK, May 26.-Among the steer ge passengers on the Lucania, which ar rived today, were the two former Irish

harris, alias "Skin the Goat."

Their presence on board the steamshi reated much discussion among the cabin assengers as to whether they would be ermitted to land by the authorities. It e prohibited from coming into the coun

onvicts, Joseph Mullet and James Fitz-

# Died at the Age of 106

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., May 26 .- Thomas Flynn died here last night after having lived six years beyond the century mark Flynn, who was born in Waterford Ireland, in July, 1794, came to America in 1822. Although bedridden for the past four years, he retained all his faculties except his eyesight, which he lost at the Chicag

Losses From Fever and Wounds LONDON, May 26 .- The War Office issues a list of fifty-nine deaths of soldiers from disease, together with forty-seven

#### ominated by the President. The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

To be collector of customs for the district Hawaii, in the Territory of Hawaii— E. R. STACKABBLE. be first lieutenant, Forty-eighth Infantry-ergeant Major FREDERICK McC. SMITH, Thi ty-eighth United States Volunteers.

# Opening of Chautauqua Beach A remarkable transformation of Bay Ridge Opens for the season May 30. Unlimited attra-tions. Trains leave B. & O. Depot Washington week days, 9:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m. Sundays, 9:3 a. m.. Rate for adults 50 cents, children 25 cents

#### \$1.25 to Baltimore and Return B. & O. Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, good for return until for Monday. Tickets good on all trains excep

# Antictam Battlefield-May 30 Account Maryland Monument dedication, B. & O. R. R. will sell excursion tickets Keedysville and return at rate \$1.75. Let Washington 8:35 a. m., vecturning leave Kee ville 6:30 p. m. Also reduced rates from Wington and Metropolitan Branch points.

Going to build a house?

# CITY POSTOFFICE AFFAIRS

# ble scene of disorder ever enacted in a Officials Reticent Concerning the

officials Reticent Concerning the Charges of Irregularities.

Charges of Irregularities and Company and that his civil employment interfered with his official duties. Tulloch is blamed by the post-office employees with all of the responsibility for the charges of irregularities preferred. It is alleged that as soon as he was discharged by Fosmaster Merritt he was postmaster. When Postmark is a postmark in was a discharged by Fosmaster Merritt he was postmarker. When Postmark is a postmark in was a discharged by Fosmaster Merrit he was postmaster. When Postmark is a postmarker. When Postmark is a postmarker was a postmarker. When Postmark is a postmarker was a postmarker. When Postmarker Merrit he was postmarker. When Postmarker Merr The Postmaster General Declines to master Merritt and Comptroller Tracewell Invite Investigation. Senator Platt and Representative Loud Confer With the Head of the Department-Admissions of the Chairman of the House Committee.

In the Postoffice Department this morning the utmost silence was maintained cerning the charges of irregularities in the matter of carrying on the payrolls of the Washington City Postoffice the names

the Washington City Postoffice the names of persons who performed no service for the pay received and of others who were permitted to draw more than one salary on account of the postal service in Porto Rico.

Postmaster General Smith declined to see newspaper men, a score or more of whom sent in cards to him before noon. "The Postmester General," said that official's private secretary to all but a few newspaper men who represent journals that are information, neither denying nor affirming taken," he smilingly said that he did not care to make any statement regarding the assertion. Mr. Cochran refused to deny or affirm the truth of the allegation, and said that the Postmaster General would be the proper person to make any statement regarding the assertion. Mr. Cochran refused to deny or affirm the truth of the allegation, and said that the Postmaster General would be the proper person to make any statement regarding the assertion. Mr. Cochran refused to deny or affirm the truth of the allegation, and said that the Postmaster General would be the proper person to make any statement regarding the assertion. Mr. Cochran refused to deny or affirm the truth of the allegation, and said that the Postmaster General would be the proper person to make a statement. John E. Jones, a reporter for the "Evening Star," when questioned about his alleged position as physician to the Washington City Postoffice, at \$1,700 per year, said it an enquiring one: "You know that I am a regular practicing physician?" Beyond this he refused to give any further information, neither denying nor affirm the truth of the allegation, and said that the Postmaster General would be the proper person to make any statement regarding the assertion. Mr. Cochran refused to deny or affirm the truth of the allegation, and said that the Postmaster General would be the proper person to make a proper person to make a statement. John E. Jones a reporter for the "Evening Star," when questioned about his alleged position as physician to the work of the proper pe per men who represent journals that are supposed to be eager to defend the Adinitration, "says you will have to excuse him today. He has nothing to say about the charges of irregularities in the Department or in the Washington City Postoffice, and refers you to the Comptroller of

tor Platt of Connecticut, the most rigilant champion in the Senate of the Ad-ninistration's colonial policy, and Chair-nan Loud, of the House Postoffice Commitee, were in conference with Postmaster General Smith for more than an hour this norning. Immediately after they left his office Mr. Smith sent for First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath and Postmaster Merritt, of the Washington City Postoffice. These officials remained with their chief about a half hour, and when they emerged from the office recused to dis-cuss the subject of their conference with the Postmaster General.

the Postmaster General.

Chairman Loud seemed willing to talk freely about the matter, but he claimed that he was unable to see that there was anything in the charges. "I called to see the Postmaster General on another matter," said he to a Times reporter, "but of course we informally discussed the charges of irregularities growing out of the early establishment of the postal service in Porto Rico. I am prepared to believe that some abuses crept into the service at first, but I am satisfied that they have all been corrected since the service in Porto Rico was established on an independent basis. I do not believe, however, that these abuses at any stage of ever, that these abuses at any stage of the establishment of the Porto Rican ser-rical amounted to anything more than a too eager, but natural, desire to put friends into easy berths. That is a form abuse that creeps into all departments of the public service. Public officials are nothing more than human beings, and are apt to permit their friends to impose upon them. Still, 1 am not ready to believe that grave abuses have marked the administration of the Washington City Postoffice or the Postoffice Department. At the same time if anybody has specific charges to make I think they ought to be carefully and searchingly investigat

# Mr. Heath Declines to Talk.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath sent out word that he was too busy his morning to see reporters, and referred his callers to George Beavers, who is car-iled on the rolls as Chief of the Division of Salaries and Allowances, but who, in the absence of Private Secretary George Allen, is acting in that capacity for Mr. Heath. Postmaster Merritt had told The Times reporter that Beavers, as Chief of the Divison of Salarles and Allowances, ught to be able to throw all the light de sired on the alleged irregularities. "Not a word—not a word," snapped Beaver; when questioned by a Times representative. "It's up to the Postmaster General to talk if he wants to. You'll get nothing out of me. No stress you'll get nothing. at of me. No, sir-ree, you'll get nothing

ut of me. Postmaster Merritt stated this morning that he courts the freest and fullest investigation of his office. "I have he'd this position less than a year," said he, "and you will observe that the charges anteate my induction into office. About the first thing I did when I was appointed Postmaster of Washington was to dis-charge a man named Tulloch from the po-sition of cashier of the office, and put in his place a man whom I knew. I made charges against Tulloch. He was not no charges against Tulloch. He was not protected by the Civil Service rules, and I only exercised my privilege in discharging him. I suspect that he is responsible for the newspaper charges of irregularities in this office, and in the Department. The this office, and in the Department. The postoffice has not been inspected since I have had charge of it. But that is not my fault. I wish the inspectors would come here now, and carefully examine every account in the office. If there is anything wrong I want to know it. When I took charge here on July 1, 1839, a man named Jones—John E. Jones, I think a newspaper reporter—was being carried on the college. Jones, Jonn E. Jones, I tribk a newspaper reporter-was being carried on the rolls as a physician at a salary of \$1,700 a year. Jones resigned on July 21, and has not been on the payrolls of this office since."
"Did you force Jones to resign?"
The question caused Postmaster Merritt

The question caused Postmaster Merritt to hesitate for a moment. "Well," he inally said, "Jones resigned a month after I took charge of the office, and that is ill I care to say about it. I don't want to be quoted as claiming to have caused lones to resign."

"The Postmaster General told me this propriet."

orning," said Congressman Loud, late in the day, "that several weeks ago he was told that a number of women were being carried on the payrolls of the Washington Postoffice as cleaners who did no work. He investigated the matter and found that the charge was partially true. found that the charge was partially true, As I remember the name, he told me that he discovered that a newspaper "woman named—James—Mrs. James—had been receiving a salary as a scrub woman at a sub-station, and that she was physically unable to perform the work. He had her name dropped from the rolls. It seems that this lady's experience typifies the small abuses, if any, that have crept into the service. Some friend of hers in the payroll to tide her over a hard period in her fortunes. I think you will find that if there are any other abuses which that if there are any other abuses which have not been corrected they are similar that of this newpaper woman."

Around the Postoffice Department today the atmosphere was surcharged with abus-

Through Train Service to Atlantic City via Pennsylvania Railroad. Commencing June 29, and continuing until spiember 1, through train of vestibuled coaches and buffet parlor cars will leave Washington week lays at 1:15 p. m., arriving Atlantic City, 5:30, m. Returning, leave Atlantic City 2:30 p. m., rriving Washington, 7:00 p. m. Via Delaware Bridge route without change of cars.

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# of the luckiess Tulloch whom Postmaster Merritt very frankly avows he discharged from the position of cashier of the Washington City office in order to make room for The Bacon Resolution of Euquiry

An Investigation Ordered of All Financial Affairs of the Island From the Date of Occupation by the Forces of the United States-A was discharged by Pos'master Merritt he began to talk ominously about frauds and other irregularities in the postal service of Porto Rico, which at erst was conducted Committee for the Purpose.

Adopted in the Senate.

Mr. Gallinger, from the Committee on as a part of the Washington City Postoffice It is further alleged that Tulloch has been trying for a year to get his charges into ontingent Expenses, today reported favorably in the Senate the Bacon resolution providing for an investigation of the When the attention of Chief Inspector when the attention of Chief Inspector Cochran, of the Postoffice Department, was called to the statement that there existed an understanding among officials to "let the Washington City Postoffice alone," and that "high officials would step in whenever full and thorough inspection is undertaken," he shillingly said that he did not care to make any statement recarding the Cuban postal frauds. The resolution was then adopted by the Senate with an amendment. The resolution directs that "the Com-

directed to investigate and report to the the moneys received and expended in the Island of Cuba by, through, and under the officials and representatives of the United States, both civil and military, from the date of the occupation of Cuba by the military forces of the United (Sates until and including the 30th of April, 1900. "Said committee shall investigate and re-

port as to receipts as follows: From customs, from postol service, from internal information, neither denying nor affirming revenue, from all other sources, specifythe statement.

When the attention of Auditor Castle, for the Postoffice Department, was called to the alleged irregularities in disbursements of salaries, and other questionable transactions in the Postoffice Department, ing the details as far as practicable, and particularly the places where and dates within which said amounts were collected or received, and the officer or officers col-lecting and receiving the same, as well as the law or authority under which said amounts were in each instance so collected transactions in the Postoffice Department, he said that irregularities are a common occurrence, but they are not necessarily illegal or criminal. Sometimes, Mr. Castle said, various officials fail to accompany their accounts with the proper vouchers and sub-vouchers. 'In cases where there is suspicion of irregularity in the service we notify the chief inspector who details a interaction of the castle in processing in the control of the control in the control in the castle of the castle o or received.

"Said committee shall investigate and report as to the expenditures of the said amounts so received, the necessity and pro-priety thereof, specifying in classes and in an inspector on the case for investigation," said Auditor Castle. Regarding the appearance of the same name on two or three payrolls, Mr. Castle said that the law allows a persons to fill two or three positions letail, so far as practicable, said expenditures, and particularly the work, services, or property for which said expenditures were made and the value thereof, also the law or authority under which each of said expenditures was made, the officer, civil or military, by whom said expenditure was authorized, and the officer, civil or military, as long as no one of the salaries attached as long as no one of the sanaries attached thereto exceeds the sum of \$2,500. Concluding, Mr. Castle said: "Our books and records are open to inspection upon a proper order from Comptroller Tracewell. All accounts go finally to the Comptroller of the Treasury for his approval." by whose said expenditure was made, and the particular fund from which the money was taken for said expenditure. Comptroller Tracewell's Statement.

"Said committee shall also report a statement of all public works of every kind including buildings, wharves, ralicoas, and all other structures built or constructed, improved, repaired, or decotruth in the statements that he had been required to drop the investigation of the accounts of the Washington Postoffice, and rated by or under the authority of any such officer, civil or military, and in each instance the cost and value. "Said committee shall also report a statement of the personal property which ense account. He added the remark that

was purchased or procured and entrusted to any officer, civil or military, in Cuba, within said time, the ocst and value of the same, and the uses to which said property has been put and the disposition ged or held up. In the matter of irregu-arities in accounts of the disbursements by the Washington Postoffice, he said that here had been a great many irregularities, hich aggregated many thousands of dol-ars. These discrepencies, however, he ould not recall as having been of other which has been made thereof.' The amendment as adopted is as fol-

ws:
"Said committee is authorized to con-ect said investigation and make such rethan the ordinary character that come be-fore his office daily, and were not exten-sively found in the dishursements to the service in Porto Rico, but were more nu-merous in the payments of the local ac-counts. Many of the claims had been alport by sub-committee or committees apport by sub-committee or committees ap-pointed by the chairman; and the commit-ee or any sub-committee thereof is au-thorized to sit during the recess of Congress at such place or places in the United States or Cuba as may be neces-sary; and is empowered to send for persons and papers, issue sub-poenas, administer oaths, examine wit-nesses, employ stenographers, expert ac-countants, and other necessary assistowed and others dischard, as seemed roper after his review of each case. The lecision in each instance, he stated, was matter of public record and open to inof John E. Jones, who, it was stated had been employed as a physician by the City Postoffice. Jones, the Comptroller ex-plained, had been employed me a clerk to untants, and other necessary assist ance, and the expenses of said investiga-tion shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approv-ed by the chairman of the committee."

# THE HOUSE SEEKS LIGHT.

#### sickness, and no physician was employed in a professional capacity by the Post-office. As he recollected the matter the Jones account had been disallowed. Votes to Call Upon Cabinet Officers comptroller Traceweil repeated the statement that the business of his office was of public record, and in all its details for Information.

The House today adopted three resoluons reported from the Committee on Inplar Affairs, and which were called up by Mr. Cooper, Chairman of that committee. The first resolution taken up was that submitted by Mr. Hay, on May 16. It fol-

Whereas it is stated that E. G. Rath. rone, Director of Posts in Cuba, made a re-port to the Postmaster General of the Uni-ted States, on April 23, 1900, in which he stated that the postal accounts of postal officials in Cuba were correct; and

"Whereas it is stated in the public prints that the postal inspectors of the Cuban postal service had not made any inspection n reports of that date: Therefore, 'Resolved, hat the Postmaster General

quent to his marriage he was arrested and f the United States be requested to infi the House of Representatives whether E. G. Rathbone, Director of Posts in Cuba, did on April 23, 1900, or thereabouts, make get his wife to give him all the money she had. Render was sent to Sing Sing for ch a report, and what said report contained; and to further inform the House of Representatives whether such report pur-ported to be based on reports made to E. G. Rathbone by postal inspectors in Cuba, and whether the Postmaster General has any information as to whether said postal inspectors in Cuba, ever made such reports three years and six months. He was rereturn to his wife, but she refused to have on May 17, he married Maria McVickors in Cuba ever made such reports E. G. Rathbone. Director of Posts in

> submited on May 17 by Mr. Jones of Virginia, calling for information concerning the furnishing to officers in Cuba and Porto The resolution follows "Resolved That the Secretary of War is

'First-Whether any officer of the Arm "First.—Whether any officer of the Army of the United States who is now, or who has been, on duty either in Cuba or Porto Rico, since the date of the declaration of war by the United States against Spain, has had furnished to him, by any person or authority, any quarters other than such quarters as such officer is entitled under the law to receive. If so, what is the the law to receive. If so, what is the name and rank of each officer so furnished with such quarters, and what quarters in each such instance have been so furnished. "Second—What rent has been paid in each instance for quarters thus furnished to officers of the Army during said period either in Cuba or in Porto Rico.

"Third—What amounts have been expended in each instance in repairing, refitting, or improving any quarters occupied by any officer of the United States Army on duty in Cuba or Porto Rico during said period, and for which officer in each in-

period, and for which officer in each intance was such quarters thus repaired, effitted and improved. Fourth-What amounts have been ex-

\$13.25 via B. & O. to Louisville, Ky and Return,

Account United Confederate Veterans' Fickets good going kay 27, 28 and 29, to leave Louisville until June 10, excepposit and paying 50 cents they may be extended to June 25.

\$1.75-To Pen Mar and Return-\$1.75 2225-To Gettysburg and Re- \$2.25 turn-Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Special train from Sixth Street Station 8:30 m., May 30, Decoration Day, under auspices 2 son Co., Knights of Pythias. B. & 0 .- \$1 to Harper's Ferry and

Winchester.

By special train leaving Washington 8 a. m., May 27, Returning, leave Winchester 7 and Har-per's Ferry 8 p. m., same day. Tickets also sold from intermediate points. Do you need Flooring! Do you want the finest Lumber

# decorating any quarters occupied by any officer of the United States Army in Cubs or Porto Rico during said period, what was the character of such furnishings and decorations, and for which officer in each instance.

## stance were the quarters thus furnished and decorated. "Fifth-What amounts have been ex

pended for horses or mules, harness, vehicles, or equipages or any kind to be used by any officer of the United States Army on duty in Cuba or Porto Rico during said period, and for which officer in each inperiod, and for which officer in each in-stance were the horses, mules, harness vehicles, or other equipages furnished. "Sixth—What amounts have been paid for the hire of servants, or as compensation for services rendered, in and about the quar-ters of any officer of the United States Army during said period in Cuba or Porto Rico, and in each instance who was the officer occupying said quarters in and about which said servants were employed or said

services were rendered. "Seventh-What amounts have been paid for supplies of any kind furnished to any officer of the United States Army during said period in Cuba or Porto Rico, other than the allowances to which such officer is entitled under the law; and n each in-stance who is the officer thus receiving ittee on Relations with Cuba is hereby

Schate as early as practicable regarding such supplies.

the moneys received and expended in the "Eighth—What amounts have been paid in Cuba in the way of allowances and salaries to the commanding general, the heads of the various departments of the United States military government of Cuba, in-cluding all persons employed as clerks or otherwise under said government. "Ninth-What amounts have been paid in Cuba to the officers of the late Cuban

army, and what amounts, if any, are be ing paid at the present time to said offi-"Tenth-In each of the expenditure

concerning which enquiry is made, out of what fund was said amount paid."

The third resolution agreed to was that empowering the Spanish Bank of Porto Rico to change its name to that of Bank of Porto Pice and to what the said to the said to which the said the sai Rico to charge its name to that or public of Porto Rico, and to substitute for its capital in vesos the equivalent in money of the United States at the ratio established by law, and to amend article thirtyone of its by-laws, so that to be a councilor of said bank it may not be necessary
to be a Spaniard, and further to modify
and amend said by-laws, but always in accordance with existing law, and su to the approval of the governor of Porte

# STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

#### of the General Bills Have Beer Approved by the President. Six of the general appropriation bills of

two are in the hands of the President three are in conference, and the remain ing five are in an advanced stage. Those

ing five are in an advanced stage. Those which have been approved and the dates of their approval follow:

Urgent Deficiency, approved February 9: Pensions, April 4: Consular and Diplomatic, April 4; Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, April 17: Urgent Deficiency (additional), March 30; Urgent Deficiency (additional), April 23. Those that have gone to the President, but which had not been approved this forenoon are Fortifications and Agricutural. Those in conference are the District of Columbia, Postoffice, and Naval. office, and Naval.

The status of the remaining general apropriation bills is as follows: Indian Affairs, conference report agreed o by the Senate; Army, conference report greed to by the House; Sundry Civil, reorted to the Senate with an May 23; General Deficiency, passed the House May 14; Military Academy, report-ed to the Senate with amendments May 24.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED. Senate Insists on Pneumatic

Tabe Service. In the Senate today the conference repor n the Postoffice Appropriation bill was received and adopted. Mr. Wolcott then moved that the Senate insist on its amend-ment of \$225,000 for pneumatic tube service. The motion was agreed to.

# OUTLAWS IN WYOMING.

# Officers Start in Search of a Gang of

Desperadoes. E. Wyo., May 26. and State officers have been informed that there is a gang of desperadoes in hiding in the Hartville Hills, 100 miles north of Cheyenne and that it is the intention of the bandits to hold up the paymaster of the Burlington tracklaying gangs or the bank at Guernsey.

Officers have gone to the scene, and ould the outlaws attempt to carry ou their plans, they will be shot down.

#### TAYLOR BREAKING DOWN Kentucky Refugee Going to Michi

gan to Recuperate. ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 26 .- A promitent Republican of this county has been 1 ommunication with the secretary of W vill soon visit this locality in search o

Taylor is suffering from nervous prostran, and, being in fear of a general break nort on the St. Joseph River. Taylor come here incog.

Washington Telephone Company Bill In the Senate today Mr. Jones of Arkansas offered a resolution discharging the Committee on the District of Columbia from further duty in regard to the bill creating the Washington Telephone Com-peny, and that the bill go back to the alendir. The resolution was laid on the

The Army Bill Signed. The President has signed the Army Apropriation bill, and also the Fortifications nd Armament bill.

Blackburn's Credentials Presented. In the Senate today Mr. Jones of Arkanis presented the credentials of Senator elect Blackburn of Kentucky issued by Governor Beckham. The credentials wer placed on the files of the Senate.

## Against the Grout Bill. The Committee on Agriculture, of the

House, met today and heard argu Mr. Wilson of Arizona and Mr. Williams of Mississippi against the Grout Anti-Oleomargerine bill and in favor of the Wadsworth bill, as amended and reported by the sub-committee.

Shad Fry From Maryland. SARATOGA, N. Y., May 26,-The Unite tates Fish Commission yesterday placed 2.200,000 shad fry from Maryland in the Hudson River above Glens Falls.

Through Coach Service to Atlantic On week days, May 28 to June 28, a new throug vestibuled composite coach, of latest design, wi be operated on train leaving Washington at 12:4 neon, arriving Atlantic City, 5:20 p. m. Returning, leave Atlantic City 10:30 a. m., arrive Washington 2:40 p. m.

# DON'T FORGET IT.

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# TILT OVER A LOCAL BILL

## Mr. Allen Denounces Methods Used in Condemning Property.

He Offers Objection to a Provision for the Extension of Columbia Road. Mr. McMillan Defends the Proposition as Presented by the Committee on the District of Columbia

At the close of the morning business in the Senate today, Mr. Me fillan stated that he would devote the balance of the day to District of Columbia bills, according to Lis notice given on May 16. Mr. Aliison objected, and asked that the consideration of the Sundry Civil bill be continued. Mr. Frye, President pro tempore, overruled the motion of Mr. Allison, and the Senate proceeded with the consideration of District

The bill providing for the estension of olumbia Road east of Thirteenth Street was taken up. Mr. Allen objected to the econd section of the bill, which relates to the condemnation of the land intended to be used. He spoke at length on the wrong done property holders under the law and said that condemnation proceedings

were not fair.

The bill provides that within twenty days after the passage of this act the Commis-sioners of the District of Columbia be; and they are hereby, authorized and directed to institute in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sitting as a district court, by petition, particularly describing the lands to be taken, a proceeding in rem to condemn the land that may be necessary for the extension of Columbia Road east of Thirteenth Street, through block twentythree of Columbia Heights, with a width of sixty feet, so that the western terminus of Steuben Street will be connected in a direct manner with the eastern terminus of Columbia Road as now located west of

The bill and amendments were framed the Attorney for the District of Colum

Mr. McMillan defended the bill, arguing hat the jury would make a fair ruling as o payment. He stated that he desired to ee the District of Columbia improved in every way, and wanted to see the streets

overed.

Mr. Allen asked if Mr. McMillan would withdraw the second section of the bill.

"I will not," said Mr. McMillan.

"No," said Mr. Allen, "you want to take a man's property that is worth \$1.200 and, after condemning it, will give him \$:00 for it as a benefit, as provided in this bill."

Mr. Gallinger stated that all improvements made in the District of Columbia heretofore had been made through the same condemnation proceedings.

"There are a large number of unjust statutes in effect in the District of Columbia," said Mr. Allen, "I know of a half dozen of them."

dozen of them.' Mr. Stewart stated that never in any ase had a jury awarded a property owner ess than the value of his property. Mr. Allen stated that he had heard that was a custom in the District of Colum-

#### bia for men to go out into the outskirts of the city and after buying a piece of land would have a bill passed extending a street across this property and thus reap a harvest.

Condemnation Section. The section relating to condemnation is as follows:

"That of the amount found to be due and awarded as damages for and in respect of the land condemned for the extension of Columbia Road as herein provided, such amount thereof shall be assessed by the jury hereinafter provided as benefits, and to the extent of such benefits, against those pieces or parcels of land on each side of said Columbia Road as extended through block 23 of Columbia Heights, and also on any or all pieces or parcels of land which will be benefited by the extension of said Columbia Road as said turn may of the land condemned for the extension of said Columbia Road as said jury may find said pieces or parcels of lan to be assessed against said pieces or par-cels of land the jury shall take into con-sideration the respective situations of such pieces or parcels of land and the benefits pieces or parcels of land and the benefits they may severally receive from the extension of Columbia Road as aforesaid: Provided, that if the aggregate amount of the benefits to be assessed as determined by said jury pursuant to the provisions hereof, is less than one-half of the amount of the damages awarded for and in respect of the land condemned, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may, in their discretion, within thirty days after the filing of said award, reject the award and assessment of said jury, and all poceedings hereunder shall be null and void." eedings hereunder shall be null and void."

Mr. Allen held that this was a wrong and
onstrous proposition and was gotten up
y the chairman of the committee (Mr. Mc-Millan) not because he wanted it, but to while away the time of the Senate and rob the poor people of the District of Columbia, "If there ever was a slipshod proposition

# to rob property holders," said he, "this

Notices to Land Owners. Mr. Allen then read the third section of the bill, which provides that whenever, in the judgment of the court it is practicable o do so, a copy of the notice to attend holders as may be found in the District of

emnation, and need not serve any notice pon hin unless you feel like it. This is necessitutional, yet the Senator from slichigan states that it was drafted by a istinguished lawyer in the District of Combia. Not the slightest notice is required or any sign of a summons. The jury may a summoned, the proceeding had, and the hole matter settled before the property pider knows anything about it. And then the latter has no nower to do entitled. the latter has no power to do anything.
"This bill also provides for a jury of seven men. Now, if you can do away with

seven men. Now, if you can do away with five men on a jury, for the law throughout the United States is twelve can't you do away with six mo and make one man the jury?"

Mr. McMillan held a brief with Mr. Allen and then annot the object of Mr. Allen's object. have the bill consolidating cer

reilways in the District of Columbia to back to the calendar.

This was agreed to and the bill was pass-Spend the 30th at Chautauqua Beach, the Chesapeake Bay, formerly Bay Ridge, Plenty of attractions and accommodations. Trains leave & O. Depot, Washington, 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 1:30 p.m., Returning, leave Chautauqua Beach 1:45 and 9:45 p.m. Rate Sr adults 50 certs,

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